

Dear Boris-

Thank you for your letter. Yes you remembered perfectly about the cultures we asked for, and I am especially grateful that you will retest the persistence of the cytoplasmic factor in the segr. petites. This has been a seriously stumbling block for Bob Wright, and he will be very pleased when he has your standard testers, right from the horse's mouth (so to speak).

Can you clarify one point for me— I have heard at various times (e.g., from Sol) that the cytoplasmic petite suppresses pigment formation in the "red-adenineless" mutants. But we have had such a mutant from Caroline Raut which is evidently (by oxidation tests) already "petite", but still produces some red pigment. What is your experience on this point?

I am sure you will have remembered to give Harriett her share of our felicitations to you on your daughter. The best to all three of you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Actually I have not yet submitted (or written) the discussion. I promised to have it within ten days of receiving the transcript that the stenotypist was making, but I have heard nothing more from Detroit. I will try to save a copy, but when you read it don't take back the nice things you said to me, though I am afraid nothing of this sort reads as well in print as it sounds in the glow of the moment.